

BOOK NOTICE

The Wonderful World of Insects, by Albro T. Gaul. Rinehart & Company, Inc., 232 Madison Avenue, New York 16, N. Y. Feb. 1953. Published simultaneously in Canada by Clarke, Irwin & Co., Ltd. Toronto. $8\frac{1}{4} \times 5\frac{1}{2}$ inches. 290 pp. 47 plates. \$4.00.

This is a nice book by one of the more active and enthusiastic members of the New York Entomological Society. The whole world of entomology is surveyed extensively in this volume and Mr. Gaul picks out for his readers and investigates with them, some of the phenomena that have intrigued him and many more entomologists for long years. This is done in good style. The reader is introduced to insects and some of their more interesting behavior is explained. Their economic importance is given good coverage and even the future of the Insecta is forecast, for Mr. Gaul gives a "NO" to the question "Will the insects ever rule the earth?"

This book should provide an excellent introduction to the field of entomology. Mr. Gaul's photography is well displayed and while it might be a little difficult by means of his photographs to distinguish a kidney bean from a kidney, the photographs do provide an interesting example of modern photographic art.

The book has added significance because of the manner in which it was composed. It is the first volume composed with the Higonnet-Moyroud photographic type-composing machine. No type, in the conventional sense, was used in the preparation of this book. We like the printing job and if it represents a step in reducing printing costs, the JOURNAL is extremely happy to welcome the publication.—F.A.S.